

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3429
OFFERED BY MR. PETRI

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Over-the-Road Bus
3 Security and Safety Act of 2001”.

4 SEC. 2. EMERGENCY OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SECURITY AS-
5 SISTANCE.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
7 may make grants to private operators of over-the-road
8 buses for system-wide security improvements to their oper-
9 ations, including the reimbursement of extraordinary secu-
10 rity-related costs determined by the Secretary to have been
11 incurred by such operators since September 11, 2001, and
12 including—

13 (1) constructing and modifying garages, facili-
14 ties, or over-the-road buses to assure their security;

15 (2) acquiring, upgrading, installing, or oper-
16 ating equipment, software, or accessorial services for
17 collection, storage, or exchange of passenger and
18 driver information through ticketing systems or oth-



1 erwise, and information links with government agen-
2 cies;

3 (3) training employees in recognizing and re-
4 sponding to terrorist threats, evacuation procedures,
5 passenger screening procedures, and baggage inspec-
6 tion;

7 (4) hiring and training security officers or “bus
8 marshals”;

9 (5) installing cameras and video surveillance
10 equipment on over-the-road buses and at garages
11 and over-the-road bus facilities;

12 (6) creating a program for employee identifica-
13 tion or background investigation;

14 (7) establishing an emergency communications
15 system linked to police and emergency personnel;
16 and

17 (8) implementing and operating passenger
18 screening programs at terminals and on over-the-
19 road buses.

20 (b) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost
21 for which any grant is made under this Act shall be 90
22 percent.

23 (c) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this Act, the
24 Secretary shall give priority to private operators of over-
25 the-road buses that have increased fares, or realigned



1 budget priorities, to enhance bus transportation security
2 from those in effect in calendar year 2001.

3 (d) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—A grant under this Act
4 shall be subject to all the terms and conditions that a
5 grant is subject to under section 3038(f) of the Transpor-
6 tation Equity Act for the 21st Century (49 U.S.C. 5310
7 note; 112 Stat. 393).

8 **SEC. 3. PLAN REQUIREMENT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not make a
10 grant under this Act to a private operator of over-the-road
11 buses until the operator has first submitted to the
12 Secretary—

13 (1) a plan of the operator for making security
14 improvements described in section 2 and the Sec-
15 retary has approved the plan; and

16 (2) such additional information as the Secretary
17 may require to ensure accountability for the obliga-
18 tion and expenditure of amounts made available to
19 the operator under the grant.

20 (b) COORDINATION.—An application for a grant
21 under section 2 for security improvements within a ter-
22 minal owned and operated by a port authority shall dem-
23 onstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the appli-
24 cant has coordinated its security plan for the terminal
25 with the port authority.



1 **SEC. 4. OVER-THE-ROAD BUS DEFINED.**

2 In this Act, the term “over-the-road bus” means a
3 bus characterized by an elevated passenger deck located
4 over a baggage compartment.

5 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

6 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
7 retary of Transportation to carry out this Act
8 \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2004.
9 Such sums shall remain available until expended.

